

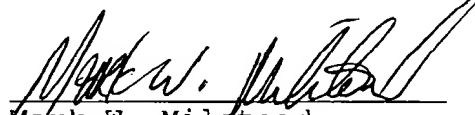
Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes for any reason that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (302) 934-4395, in Millsboro, Delaware.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and further replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2334 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. \$1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. \$1.17; particularly extension of time fees.

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Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the specification.

Claim Objection

Claim 30 stands objected to because *Dictyocaulus viviparus* is misspelled. Applicants have corrected the typographical error in claim 30.

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Issue Under 35 U.S.C. §112, First Paragraph

Claim 20 stands rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter without a sufficient written description. The Examiner asserts that the term "immunogenic part thereof" has no support in the specification and is new matter. Applicants traverse this assertion.

Applicants have amended claim 20 to better reflect what Applicants consider their invention. "The immunogenic protein according to claim 17, comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:30, or an part thereof having immunogenic properties." The term "immunogenic" fails to constitute new matter, as it is inherent feature of a vaccine component to induce an immune